

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 749. A bill to establish a program to provide financial assistance to States and local entities to support early learning programs for prekindergarten children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 750. A bill to protect the rights of residents of certain federally funded hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 751. A bill to combat nursing home fraud and abuse, increase protections for victims of telemarketing fraud, enhance safeguards for pension plans and health care benefit programs, and enhance penalties for crimes against seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 752. A bill to facilitate the recruitment of temporary employees to assist in the conduct of the 2000 decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 753. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 754. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building"; read the first time.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 755. A bill to extend the period for compliance with certain ethical standards for Federal prosecutors; read the first time.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 756. To provide adversely affected crop producers with additional time to make fully informed risk management decisions for the 1999 crop year; considered and passed.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BURNS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GORTON, Mr. BREAUX, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BOND, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 757. A bill to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions in order to ensure coordination of United States policy with respect to trade, security, and human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DODD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr.

LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 758. A bill to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. REID):

S. 759. A bill to regulate the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail on the Internet, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 760. A bill to include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 761. A bill to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 762. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HELMS):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to establish limited judicial terms of office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by the Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 per centum of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 75. A resolution reconstituting the Senate Arms Control Observer Group as the Senate National Security Working Group and revising the authority of the Group; considered and agreed to.

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Con. Res. 24. A bill to express the sense of the Congress on the need for United States to defend the American agricultural and food supply system from industrial sabotage and terrorist threats; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 713. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a charitable deduction for certain expenses incurred in support of Native Alaskan subsistence whaling; to the Committee on Finance.

NATIVE ALASKAN SUBSISTENCE WHALING ACT OF 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of myself and Senator STEVENS to introduce legislation that would resolve a dispute that has existed for several years between the IRS and native whaling captains in my state. Our legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code to ensure that a charitable donation tax deduction would be allowed for native whaling captains who organize and support subsistence whaling activities in their communities.

Subsistence whaling is a necessity to the Alaska Native community. In many of our remote village communities, the whale hunt is a tradition that has been carried on for generations over many millennia. It is the custom that the captain of the hunt make all provisions for the meals, wages and equipment costs associated with this important activity.

In most instances, the Captain is repaid in whale meat and muktuck, which is blubber and skin. However, as part of the tradition, the Captain is required to donate a substantial portion of the whale to his village in order to help the community survive.

The proposed deduction would allow the Captain to deduct up to \$7,500 to help defray the costs associated with providing this community service.

Mr. President, I want to point out that if the Captain incurred all of these expenses and then donated the whale meat to a local charitable organization, the Captain would almost certainly be able to deduct the costs he incurred in outfitting the boat for the charitable purpose. However, the cultural significance of the Captain's sharing the whale with the community would be lost.

This is a very modest effort to allow the Congress to recognize the importance of this part of our Native Alaskan tradition. When this measure passed the senate two years ago, the Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that this provision would cost a mere three million dollars over a 10 year period. I think that is a very small price for preserving this vital link with our natives' heritage.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the legislation be included in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 713

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*